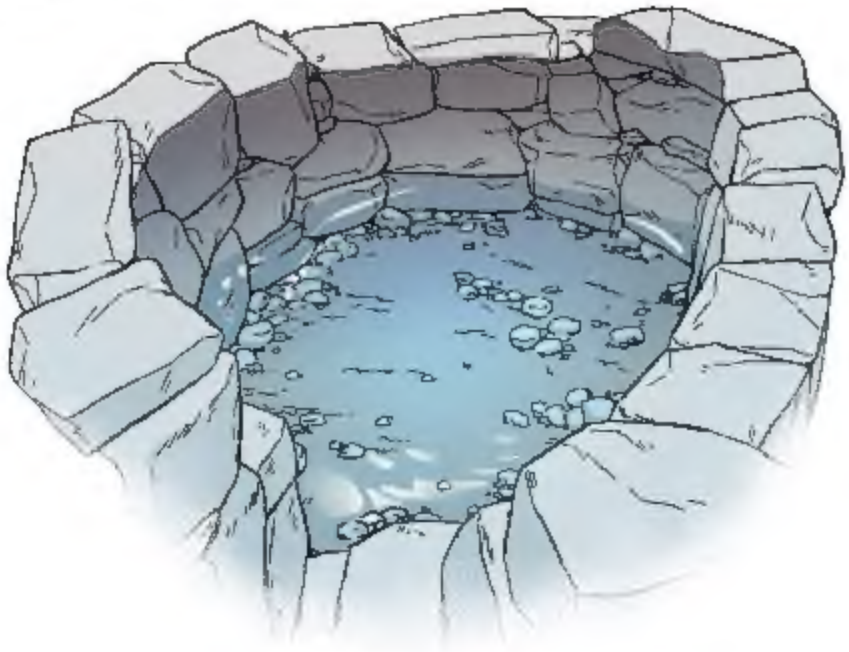
How to become a Dragon

- EPISODE 114 -

RUN THE SPRING...



...AND THEN PROTECT IT...?

DO YOU THINK I WOULD HAVE ALLOWED HIM TO SULLY THE WATERS?

WHAT...?

THEN HOW...

YOUR JOKE HAS GONE TOO FAR.

PARDON?
RIVERS FLOW INTO THE SEA AS WELL.
YET YOU WANT ME TO DIRTY THE SOURCE OF THE RIVER? YOU MUST BE JOKING.

AH...
IF THE PLAN WAS JUST TO POLLUTE THE SPRING,
I WOULDN'T HAVE GONE ALONG WITH IT EITHER.
HAVE YOU PREPARED SOME KIND OF TRICK?

IT MAY BE A BIT MUCH TO ASK...
...BUT SINCE YOU'VE LIVED ALMOST A THOUSAND YEARS,
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO THIS.
?
STARTLE

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE PRINCESS JUST CELEBRATED HER 600TH BIRTHDAY...
NO...
NOT THE PRINCESS...

HMM?
HUH?

SPLASH
AAAAH!!

I-I'M SORRY!
SPLASH
AAAAH!!
JUST A LITTLE LONGER...

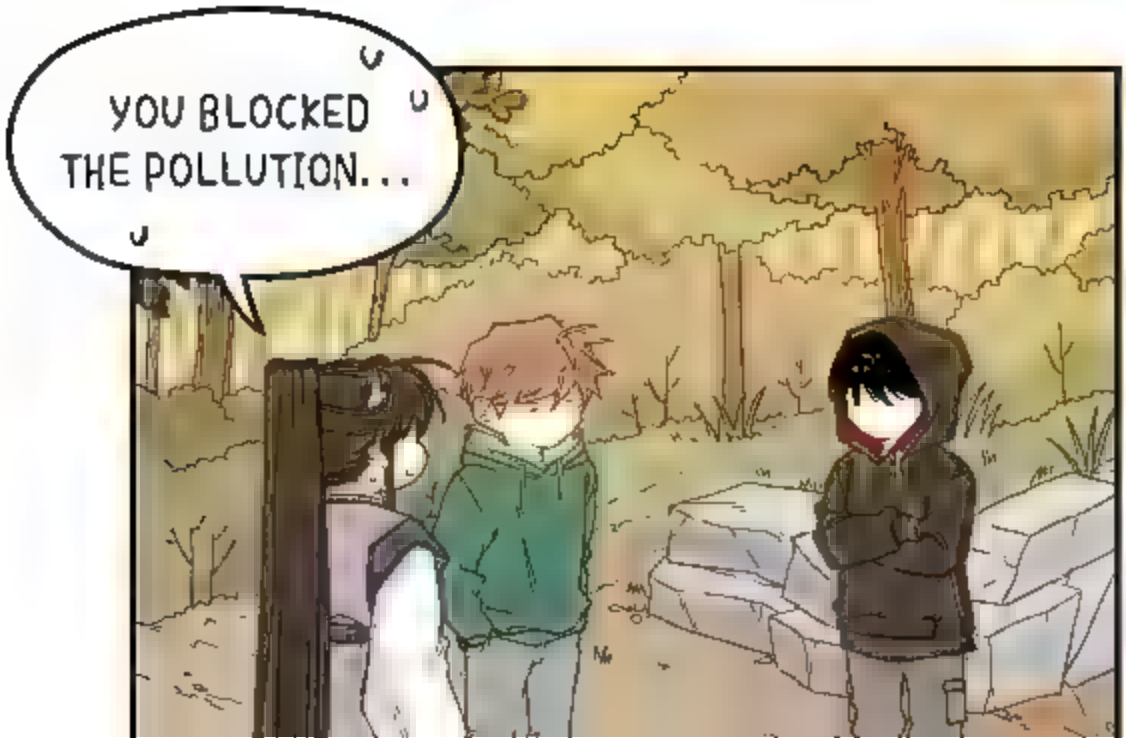
AAAAH!!

H-HANG IN THERE!

AAAAH!!

I'M SORRY...

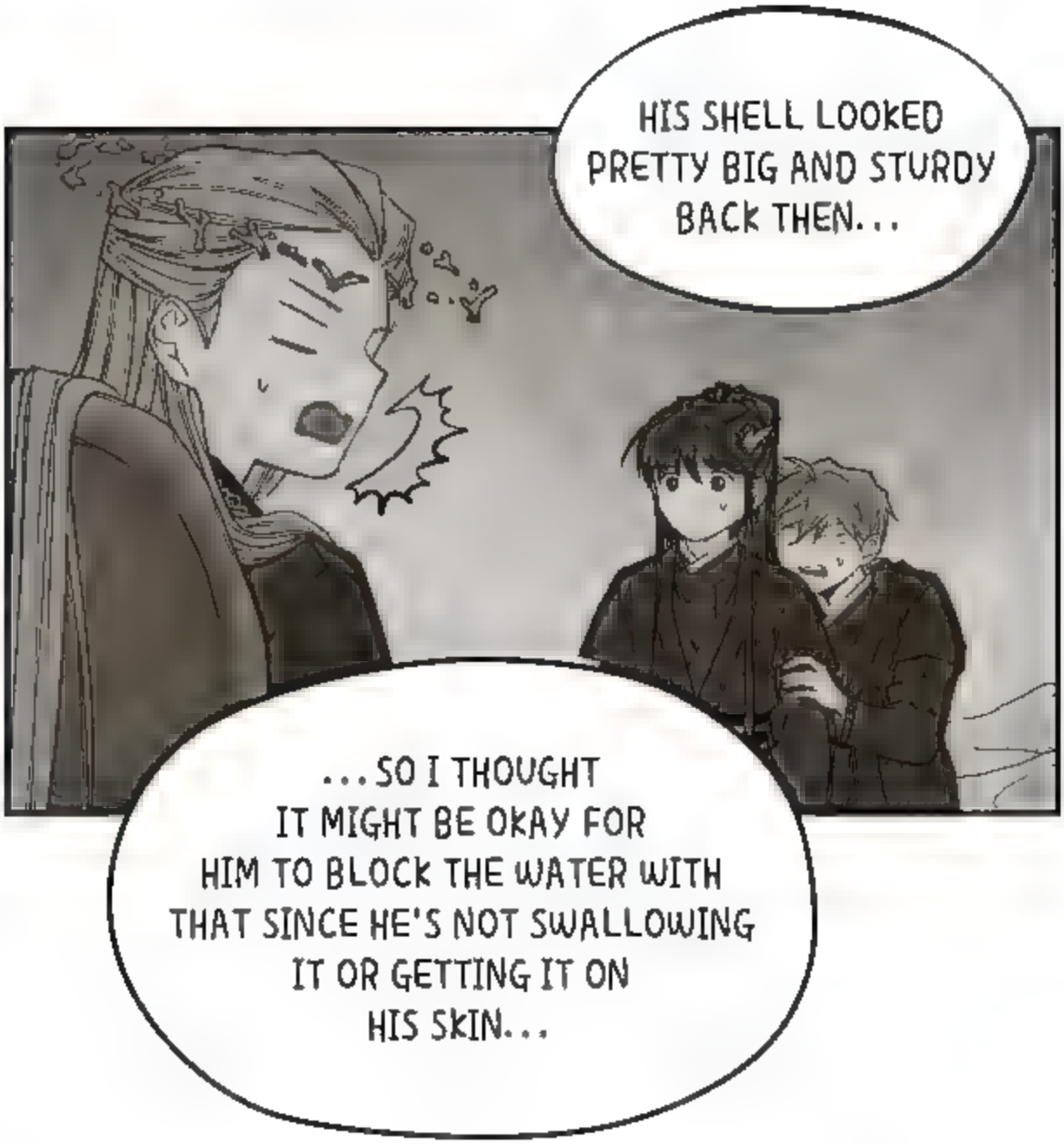
SO...
THEN...


YOU BLOCKED THE POLLUTION...

...WITH HIS SHELL?

WELL, THERE'S THAT OLD FOLK TALE WHERE A TOAD BLOCKED UP A HOLE IN A JAR.
WHEN CAN I GET OUT

I FIGURED
THE DRAGON KING'S
TERRAPIN COULD BLOCK
THAT MUCH.


HIS SHELL LOOKED PRETTY BIG AND STURDY BACK THEN...
...SO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OKAY FOR HIM TO BLOCK THE WATER WITH THAT SINCE HE'S NOT SWALLOWING IT OR GETTING IT ON HIS SKIN...

SO...
IS THE TERRAPIN OKAY?
YES.
HE'S EXHAUSTED, BUT HE'S FINE.

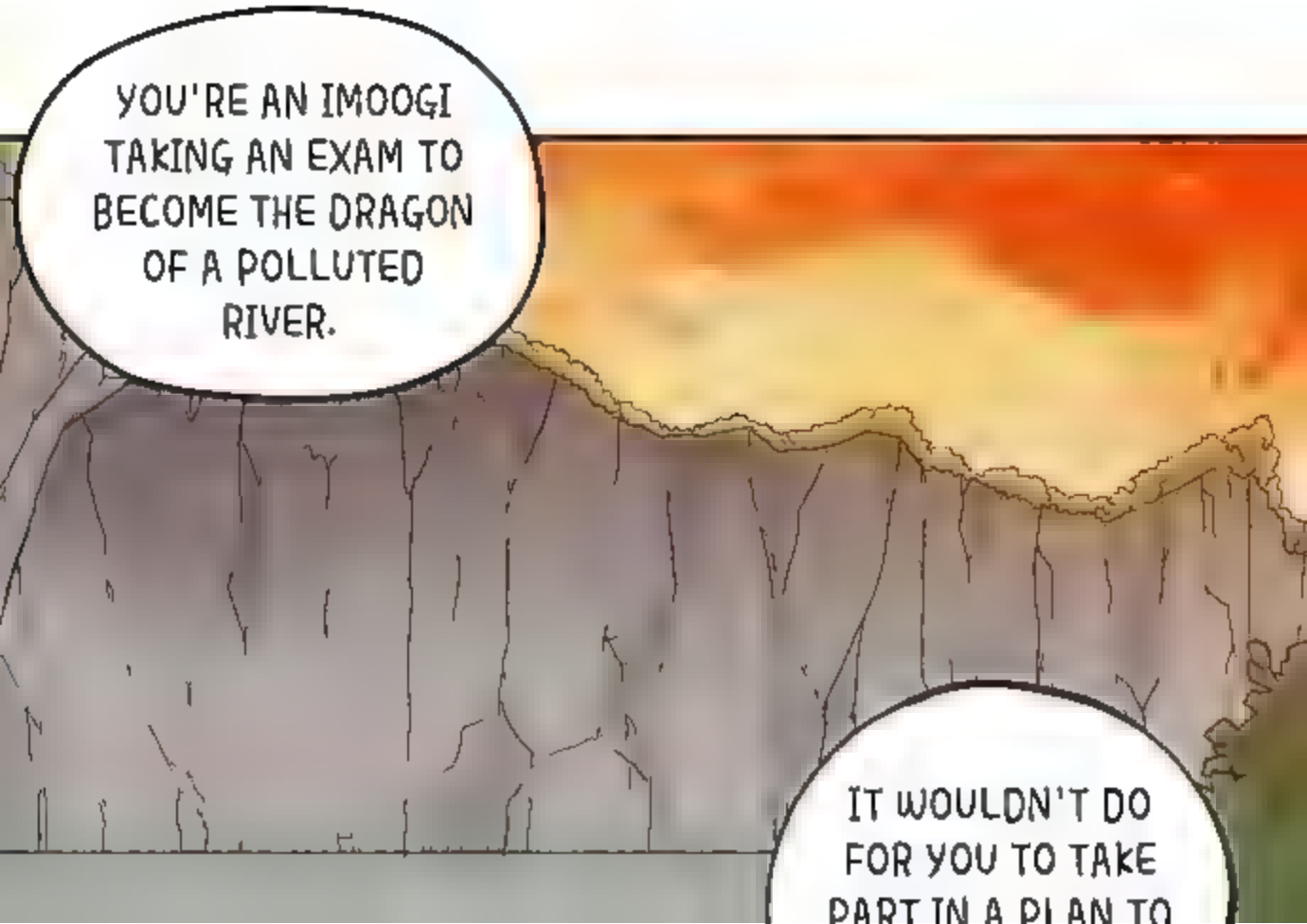
WE'LL GIVE HIM A GOOD WASH LATER!
DAZED
WITH A TOOTHBRUSH AND EVERYTHING...

THEN...

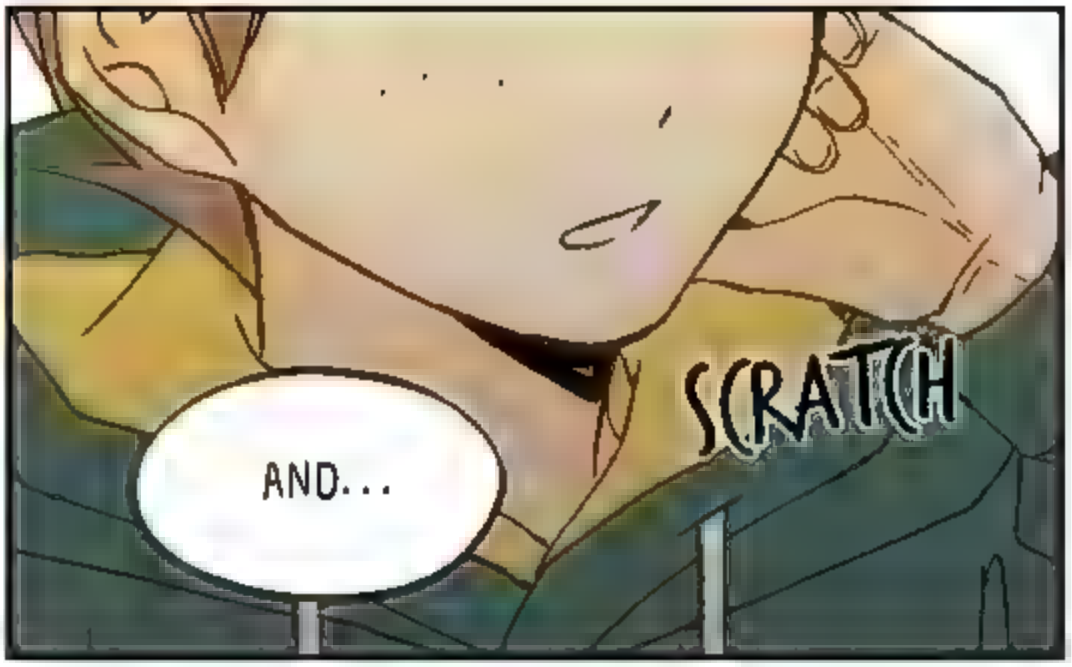
. . . THE GEUM RIVER WAS SAFE.
KNEEL

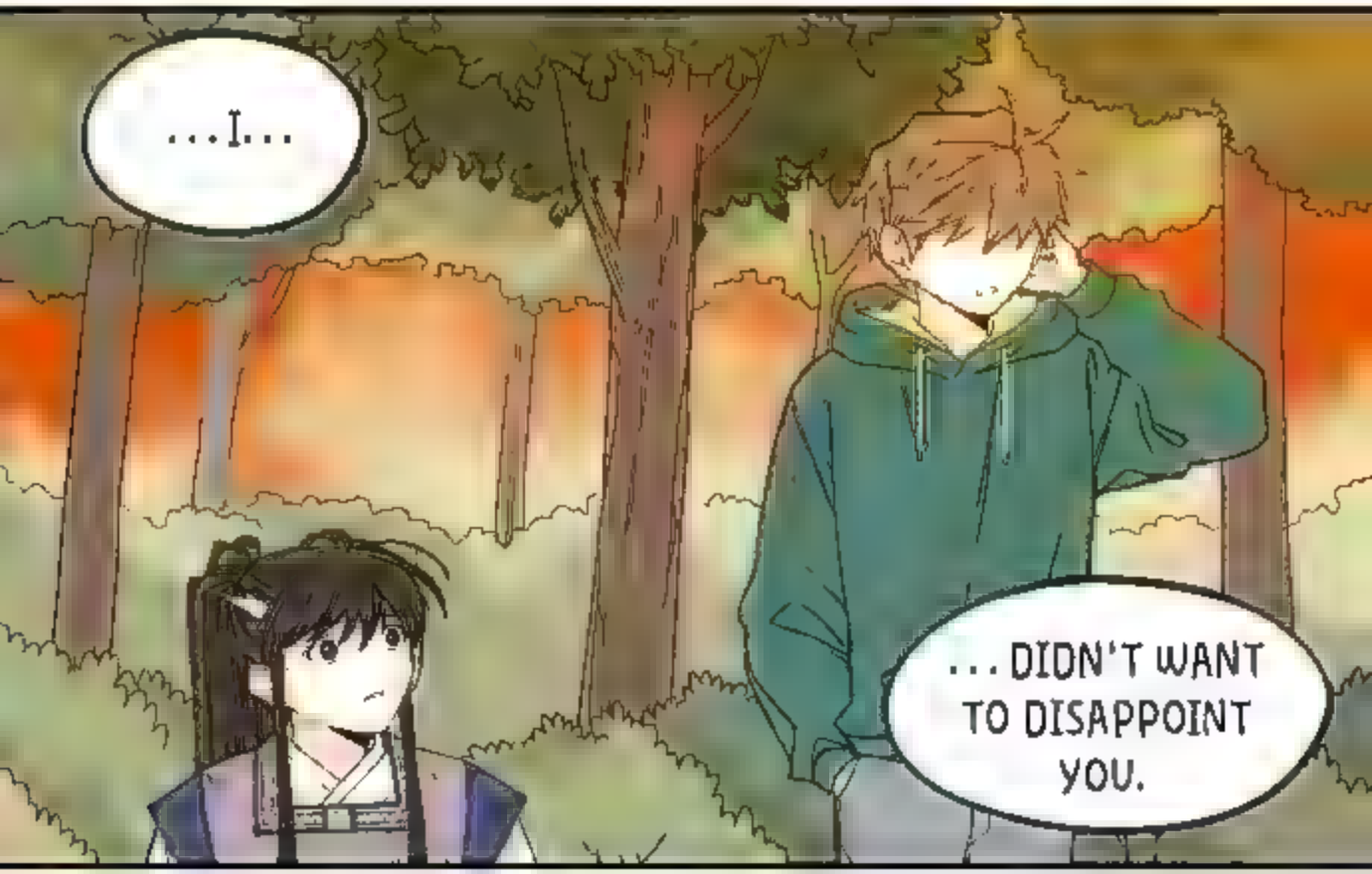
Y-YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME...
MY LEGS GAVE-IN
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW...

IT WAS BETTER FOR YOU NOT TO KNOW.

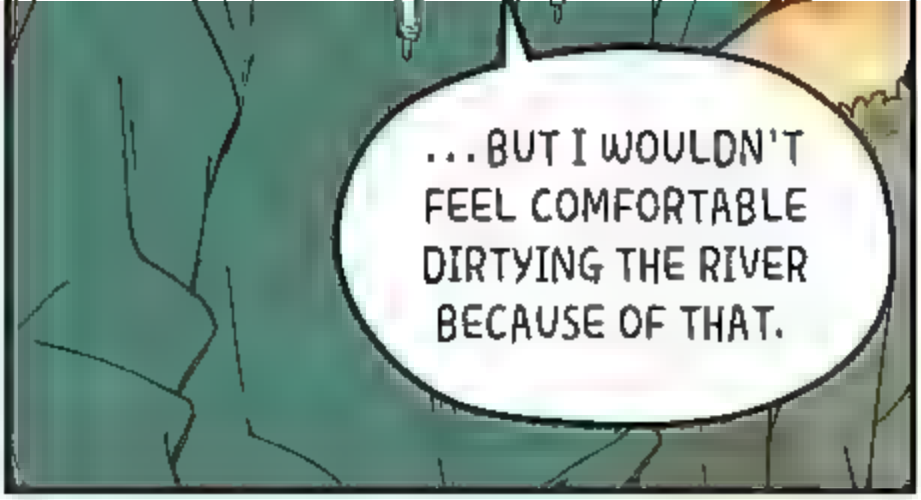

YOU'RE AN IMOOGI TAKING AN EXAM TO BECOME THE DRAGON OF A POLLUTED RIVER.
IT WOULDN'T DO FOR YOU TO TAKE

POLLUTE ANOTHER RIVER.




...I...
...DIDN'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT YOU.

I KNOW RESCUING YEONGNO WAS A BIG DEAL...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH


...BUT I WOULDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE DIRTYING THE RIVER BECAUSE OF THAT.

...

HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE?

NOTHING...
IT'S JUST...

. . . WE FEEL
THE SAME WAY.
IT'S LIKE
WE'RE FRIENDS
INSTEAD OF A TEACHER
AND HIS PUPIL.

WHAT...
SO WE WEREN'T FRIENDS?

NO,
WE ARE!
WE'RE
FRIENDS!

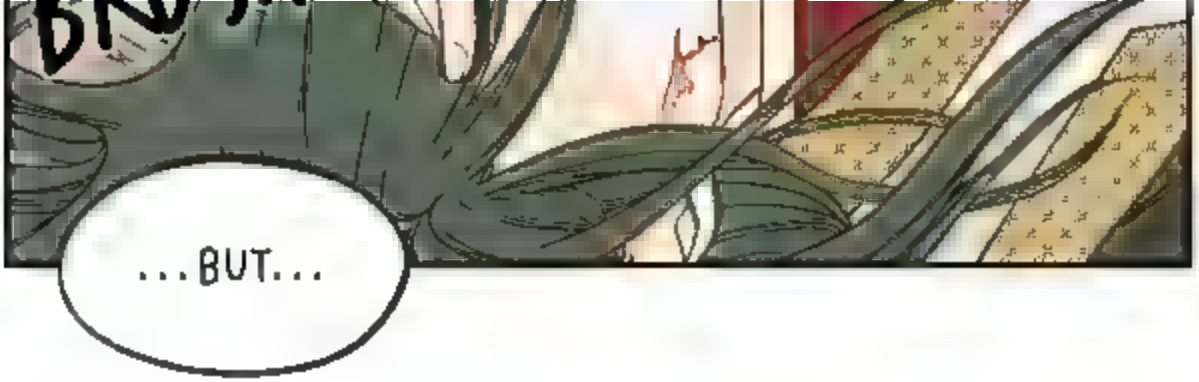
JUMP JUMP
SHOULD WE DO THAT THING KWANGCHEOL DID?
FRIENDSHIP RINGS?
GIVE UP WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.

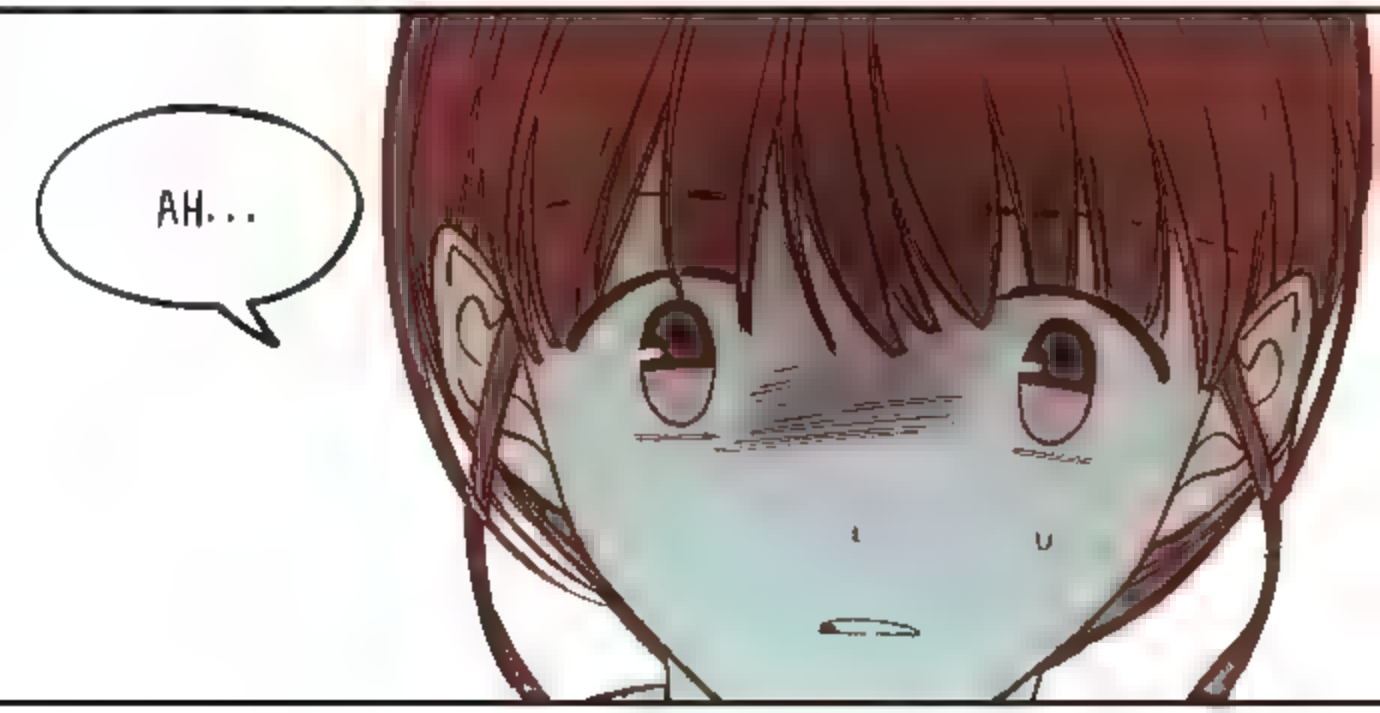
AH...
THAT REMINDS ME, WHERE'S YEONGNO?

OVER THERE...
HE'S WITH SUN.

IS YEONGNO ALRIGHT?
IS IT BAD FOR HIS HORNS TO BE BROKEN...?

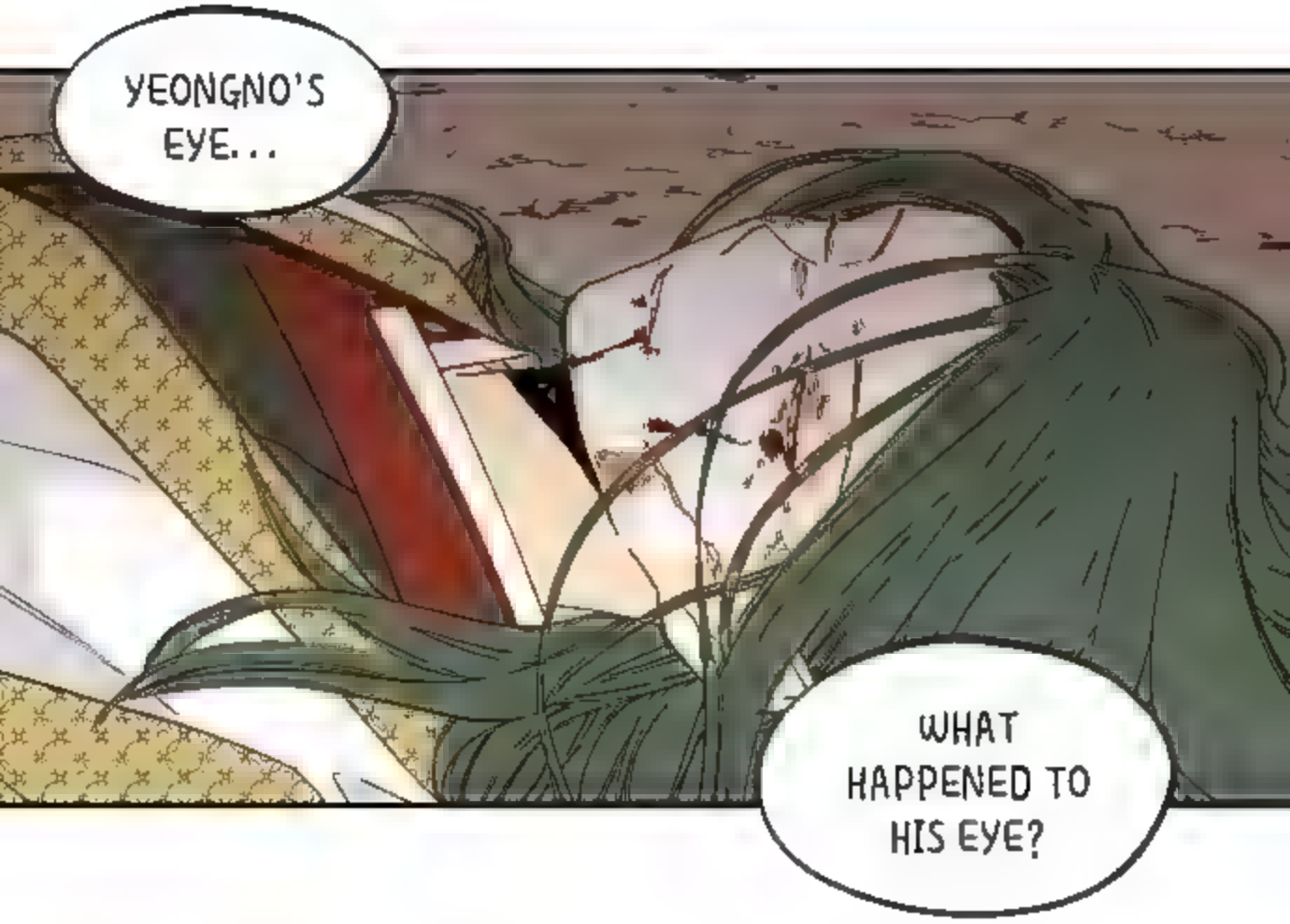
THE HORNS ARE ONE THING...
BRUSH


...BUT...


AH...

SUN?
WHAT'S WRONG?

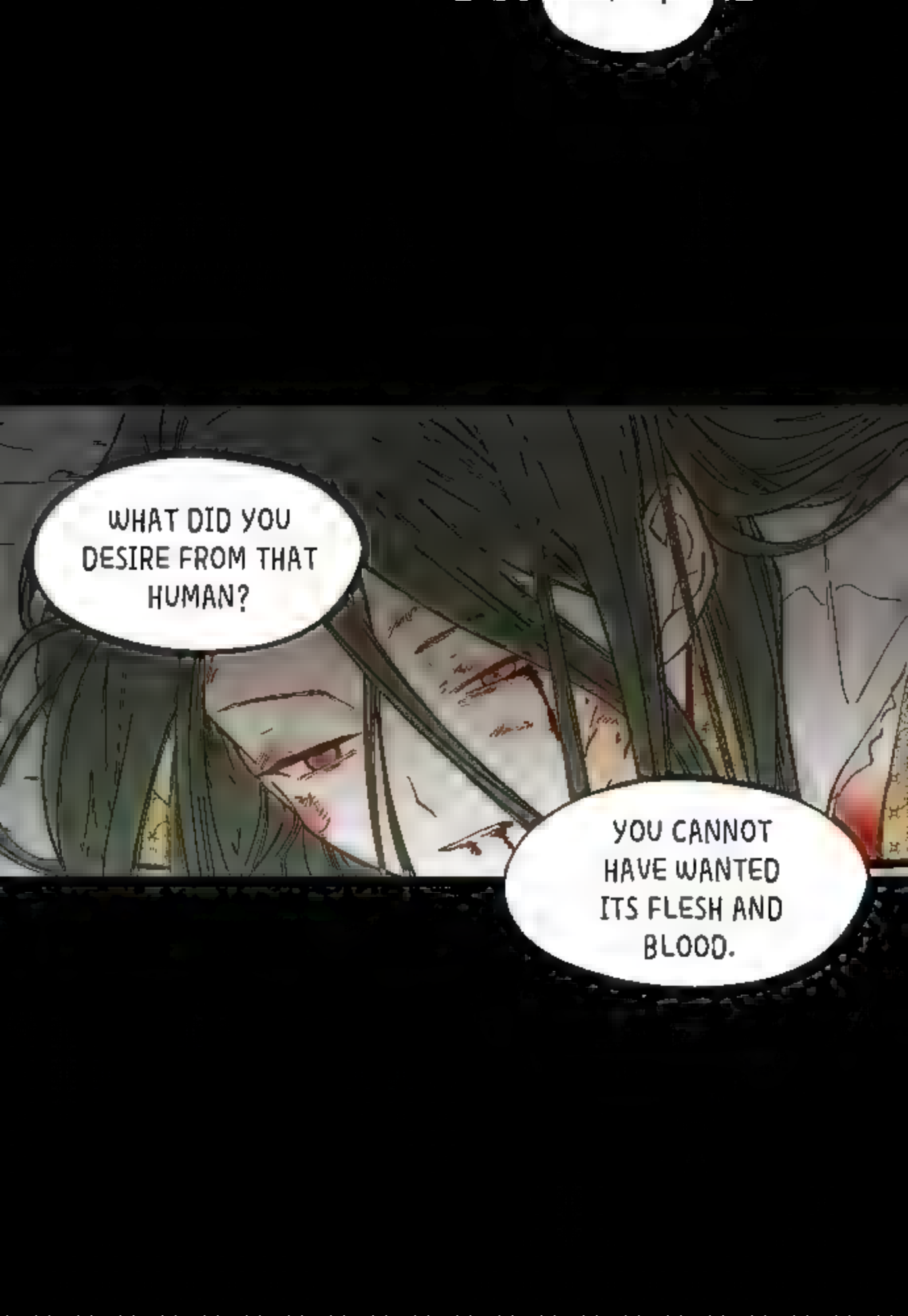
YOUNG...


YEONGNO'S EYE...
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS EYE?

DRIP
YOU KNOW...
DRIP
DRIP
...I QUITE CARED ABOUT YOU.
DRIP

YOU'RE
A LOT LIKE ME.
YOU WERE
SO CLEVER AND KNEW
THE IMPORTANCE OF
YOUR WORK.
HOW DID

YOU BECOME LIKE THIS?
WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING SO FOOLISH?
WAS A MERE HUMAN WORTH MORE THAN A DRAGON'S TRUST AND THE EXAM OF THE MILLENNIUM?
HMM?


WHAT DID YOU DESIRE FROM THAT HUMAN?
YOU CANNOT HAVE WANTED ITS FLESH AND BLOOD.

WAS IT FUN, TRICKING HER WITH YOUR WORDS?
DID YOU WANT HER BECAUSE A HUMAN WITH SUCH PURE ENERGY IS SO RARE?
OR...
...DID YOU DEVELOP

IF THAT'S SO, THERE IS TRULY NOTHING MORE LAUGHABLE.

PFFT

WHO PITIES WHOM?

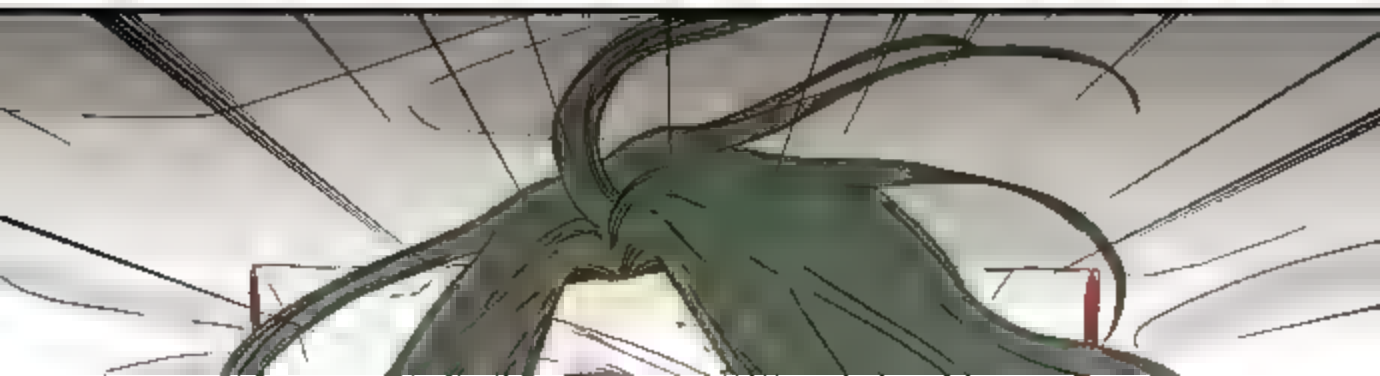
DIDN'T THIS ALL BEGIN BECAUSE

OF THE THINGS
YOU SAID?

ONCE SHE FINDS OUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
...SHE'LL LEAVE ON HER OWN.
TO THINK THATYOU'RE GIVING UP ON ALL OF THIS

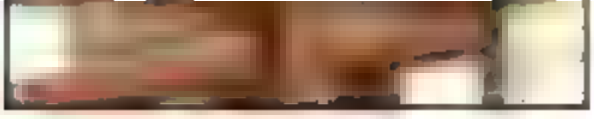
...JUST FOR SOMETHING LIKE HER.
PATHETIC.
YOU'RE PATHETIC, TRULY.

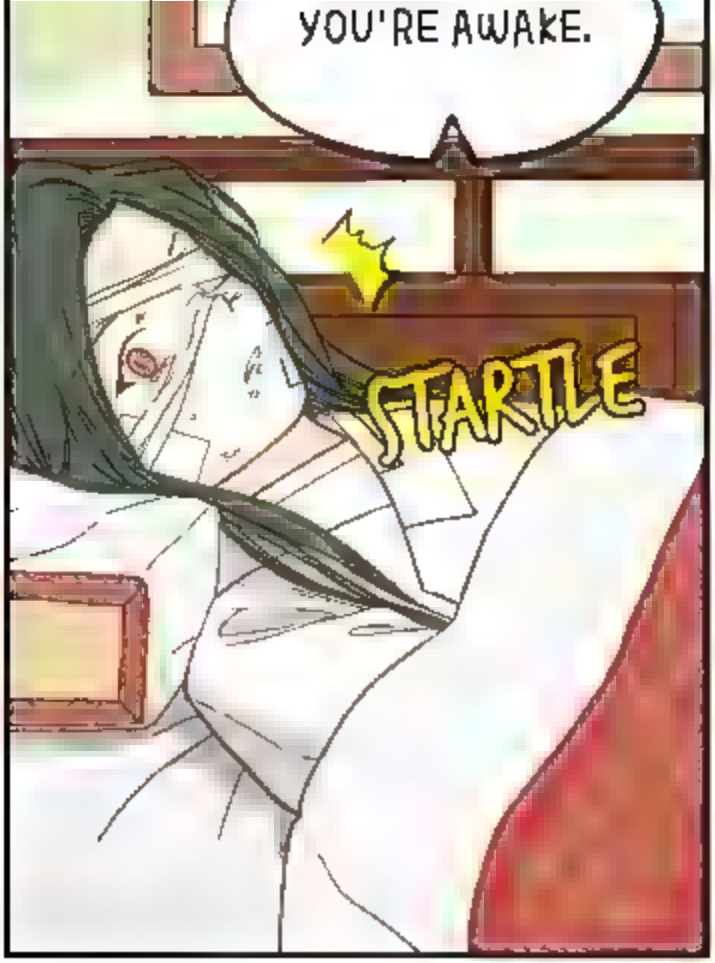
WHAT
A FOOL YOU ARE.

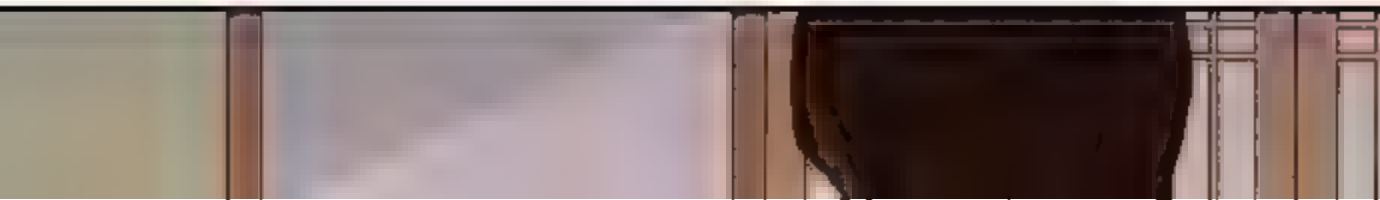


JOLT

WHERE AM I...?
I CAN'T REALLY SEE...



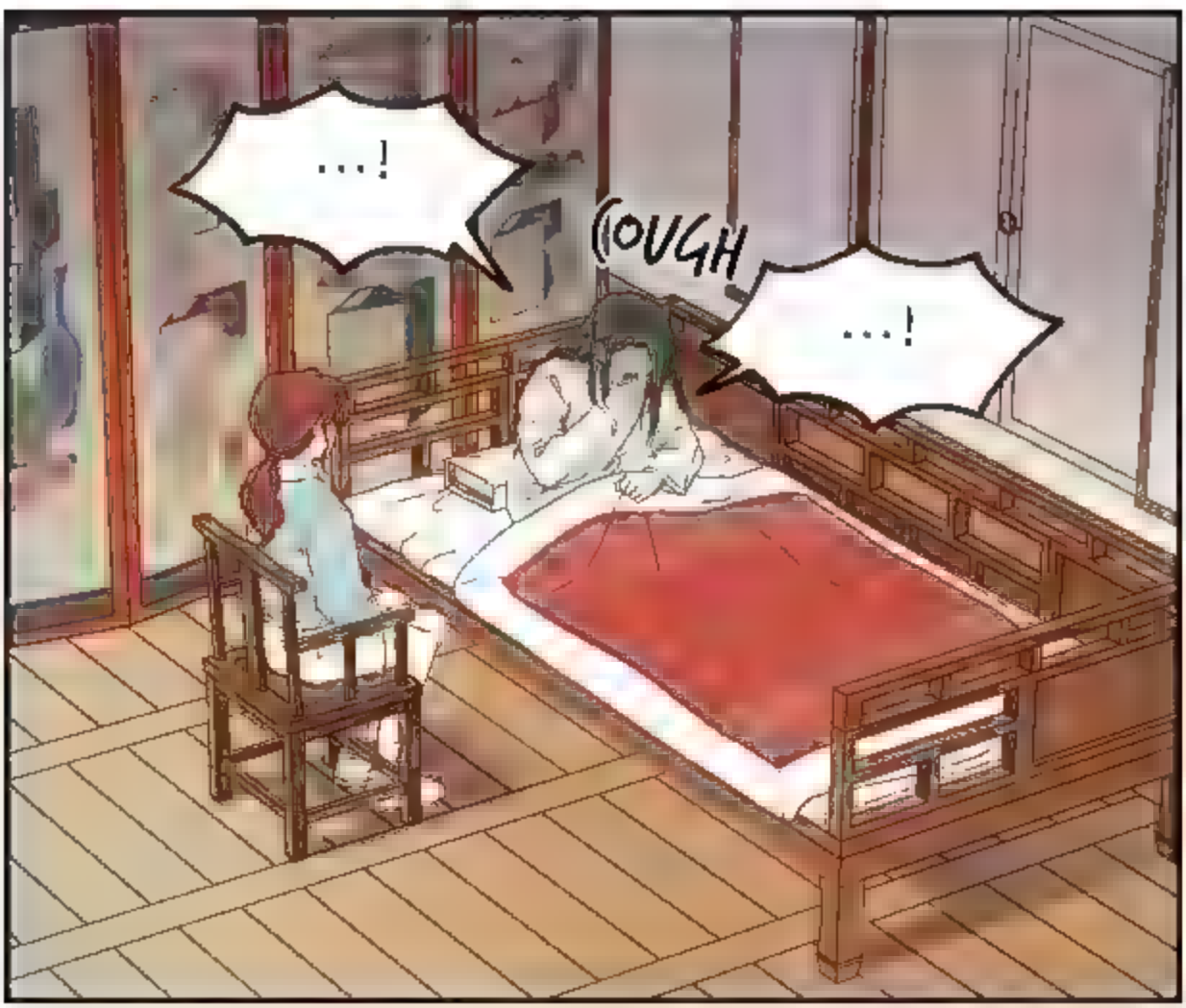

YOU'RE AWAKE.
STARTLE



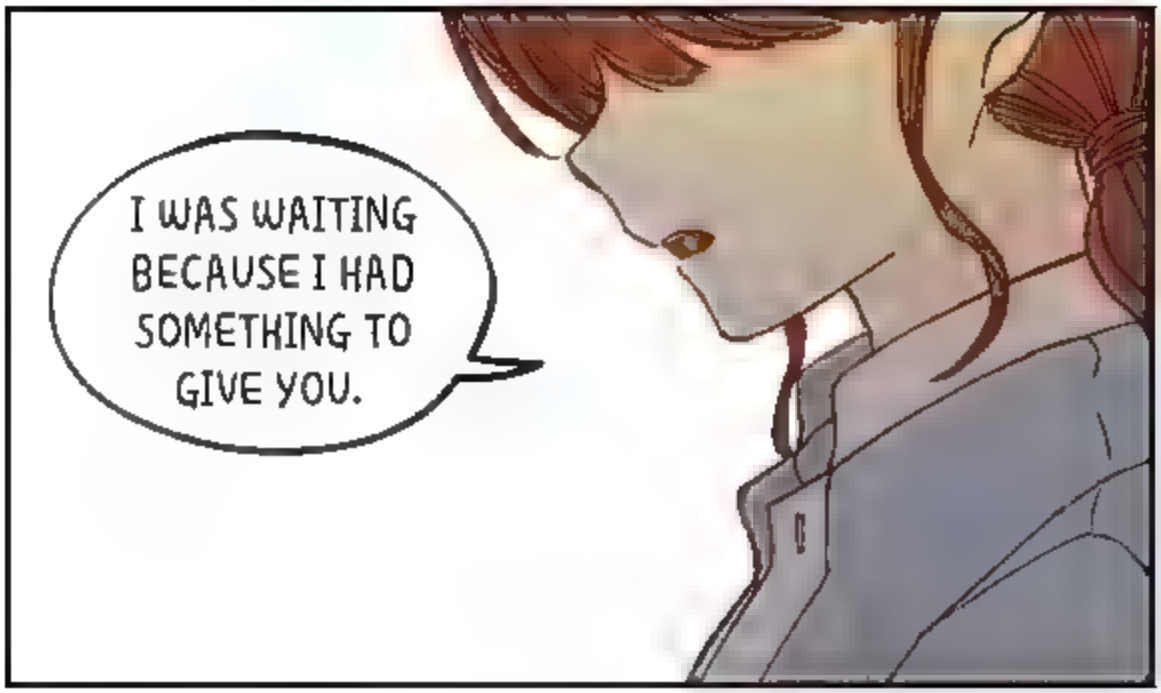
YOU WERE HURT BADLY, BUT THEY SAID YOU'LL GET BETTER WITH TREATMENT.

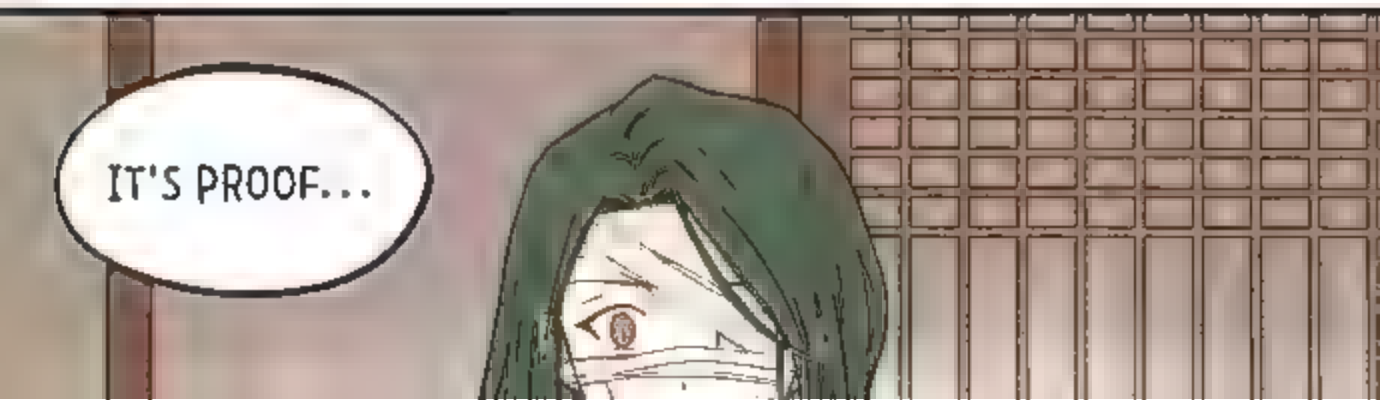
THEY'RE
NOT...

. . . SURE ABOUT YOUR EYE YET.
SUN. . .
TURN


...!
COUGH
...!

MY VOICE...
...!
...!
IT WON'T COME OUT...


I WAS WAITING BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU.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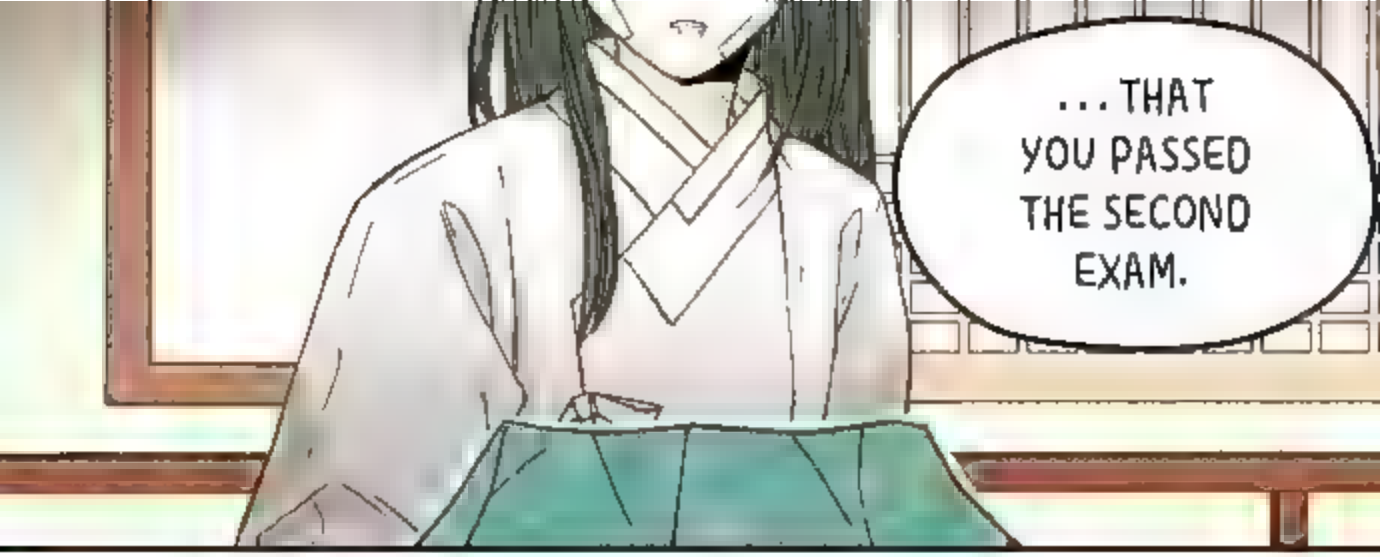
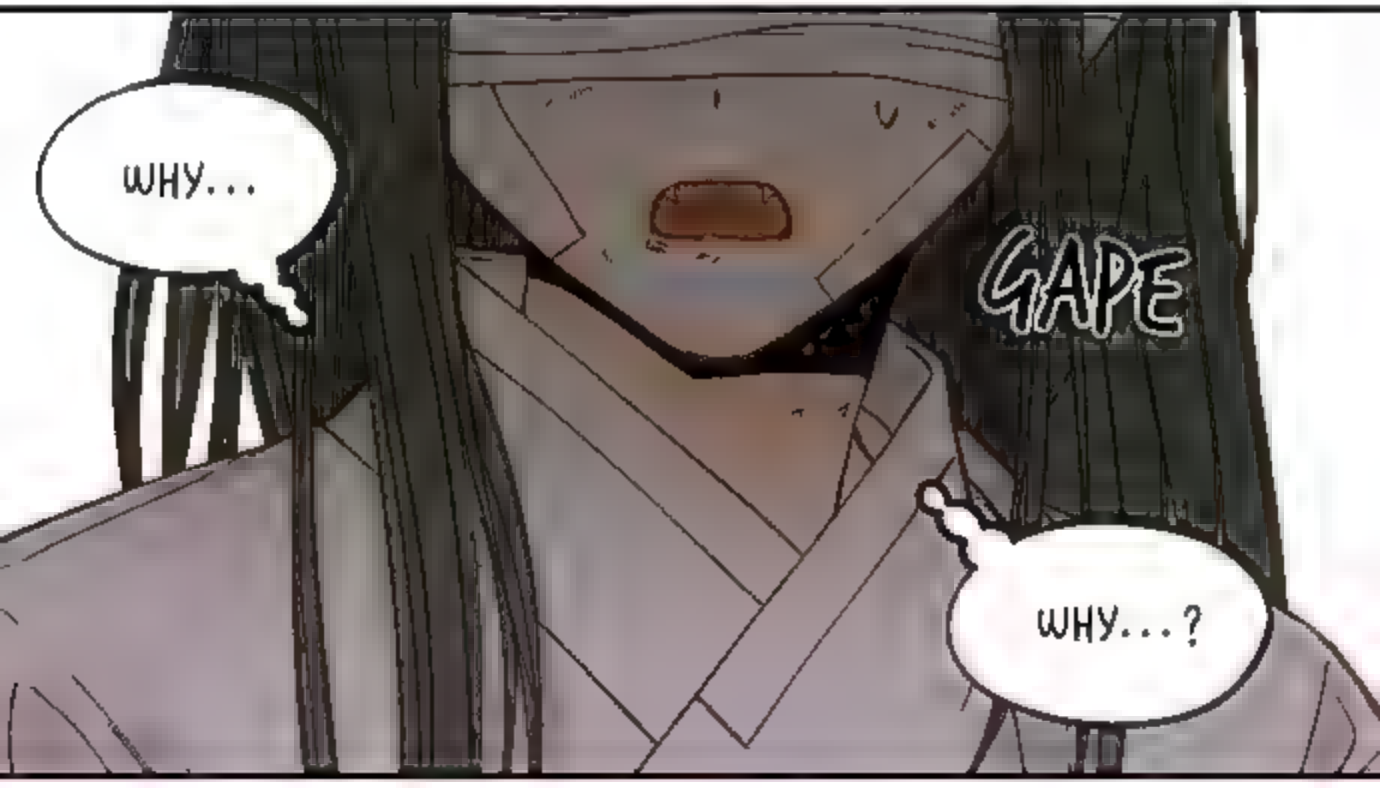
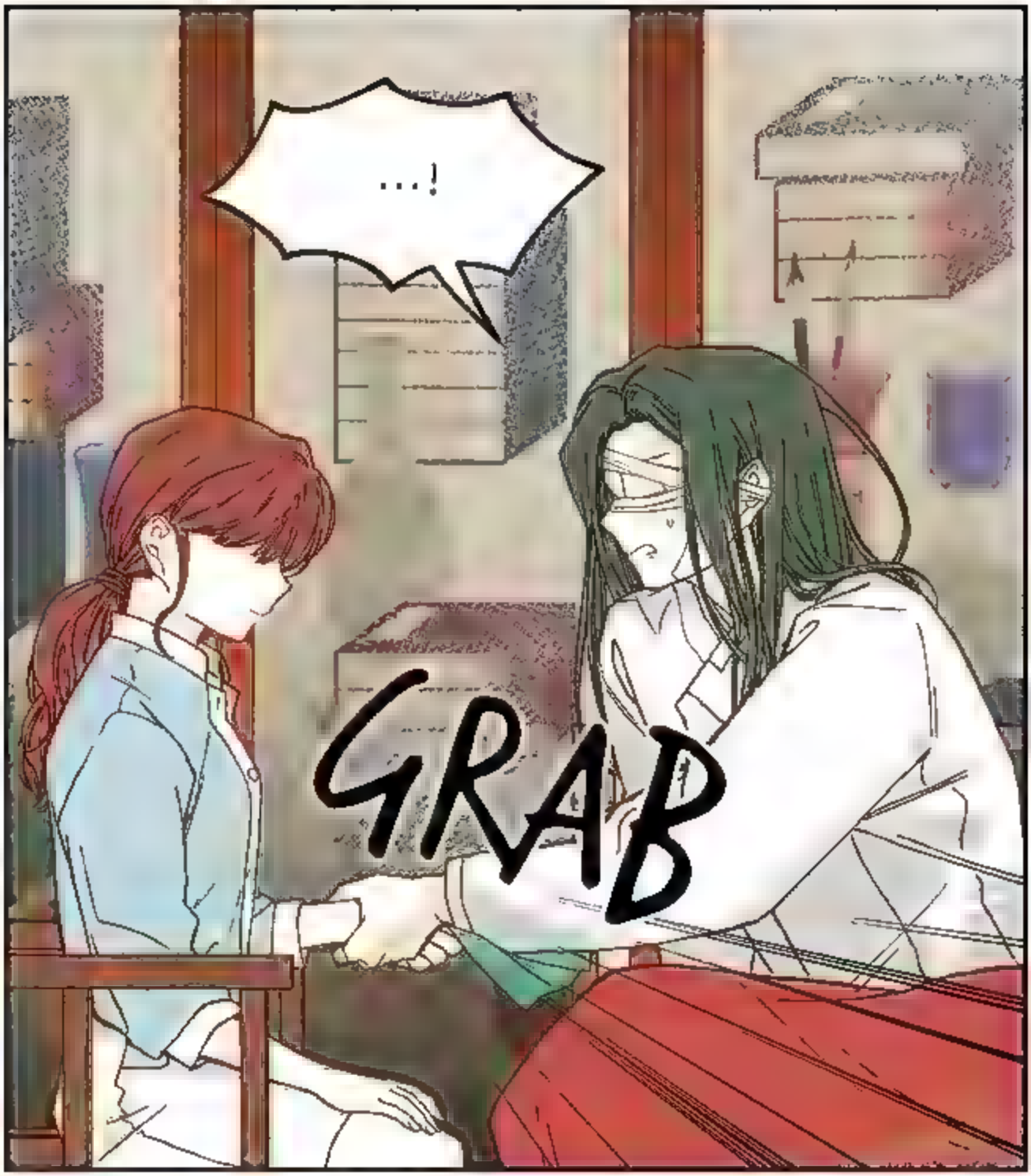
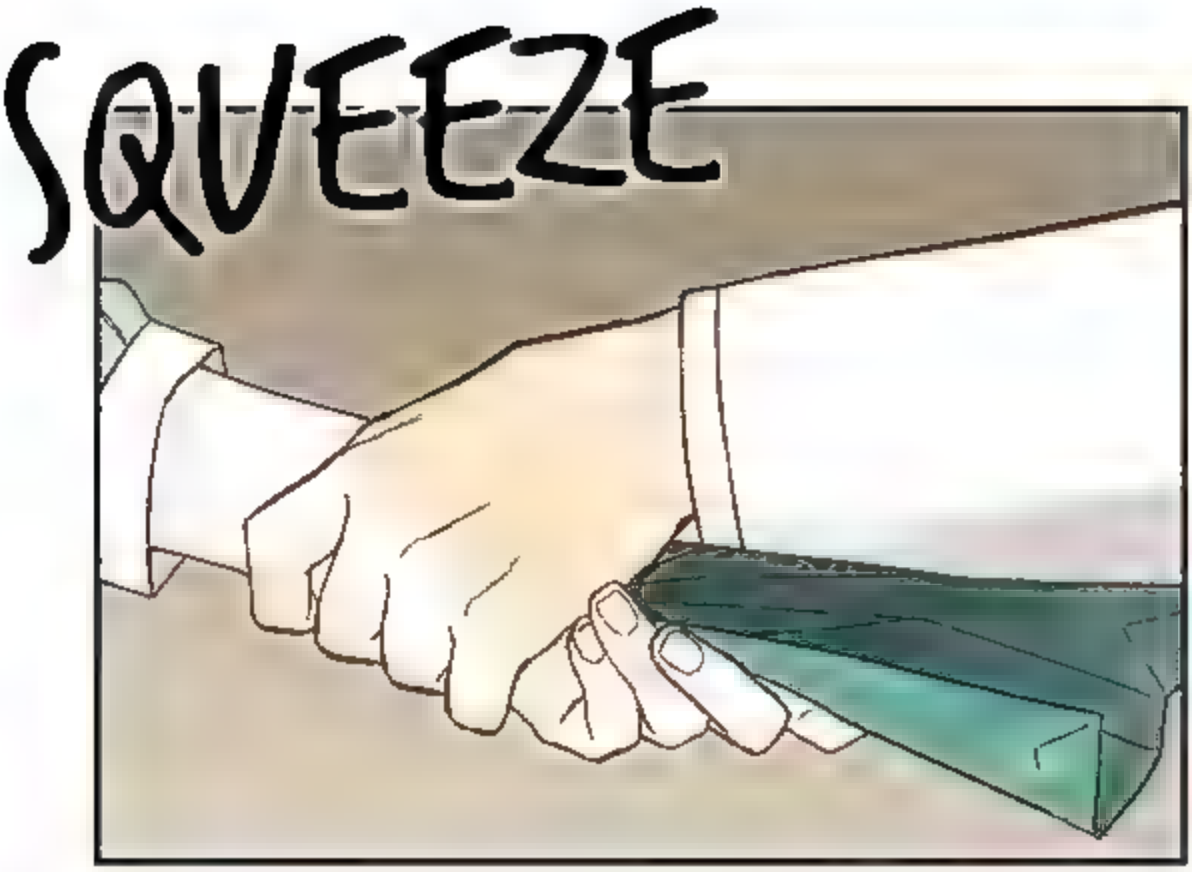

...THAT YOU PASSED THE SECOND EXAM.


WHY...
GAPE
WHY...?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ASK ME?
WHY I TOOK THE EXAM FOR YOU?
WHY I'M GIVING THIS TO YOU?

OR...
HOW MUCH DO I KNOW?


...!
GRAB


SQUEEZE

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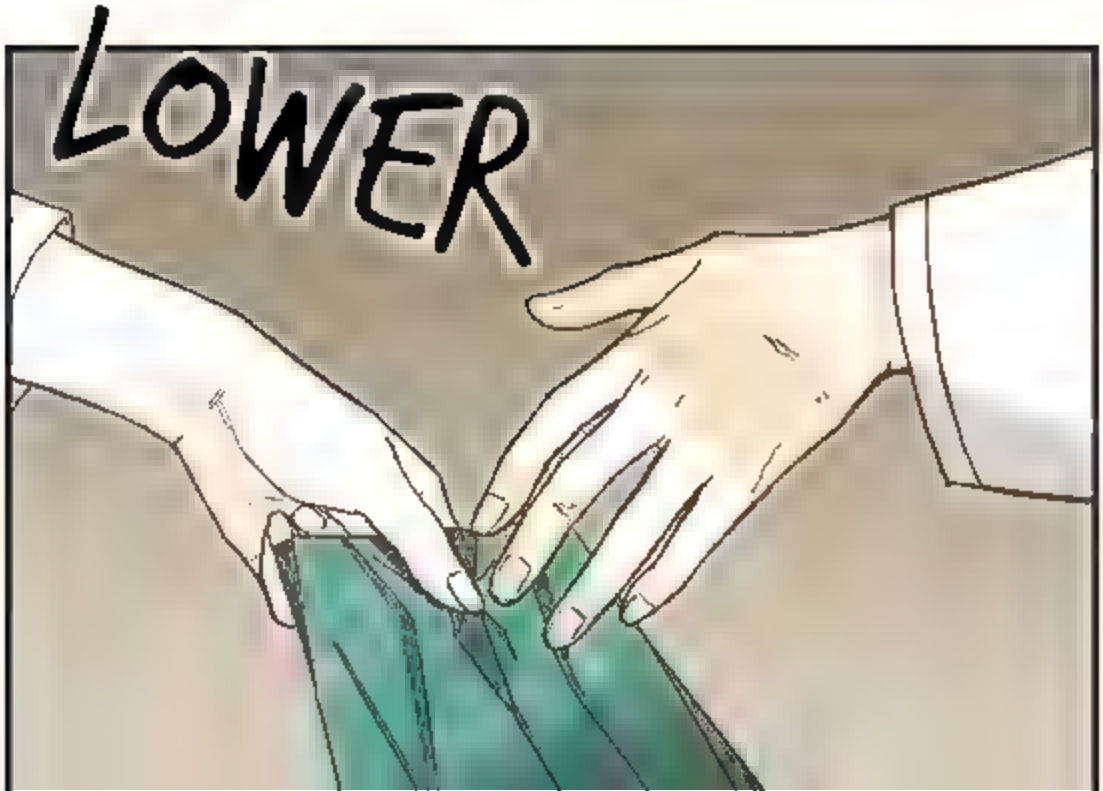
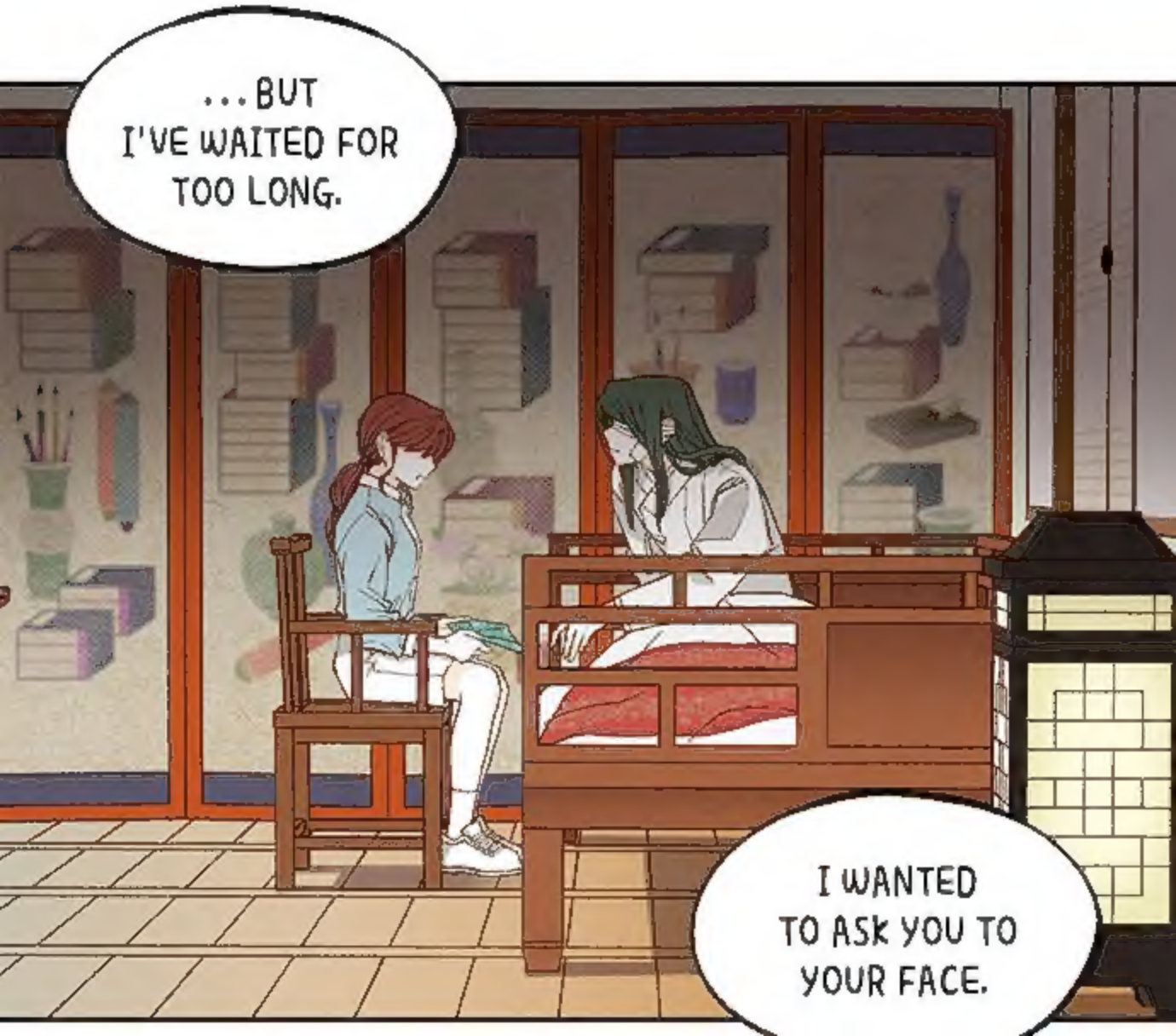
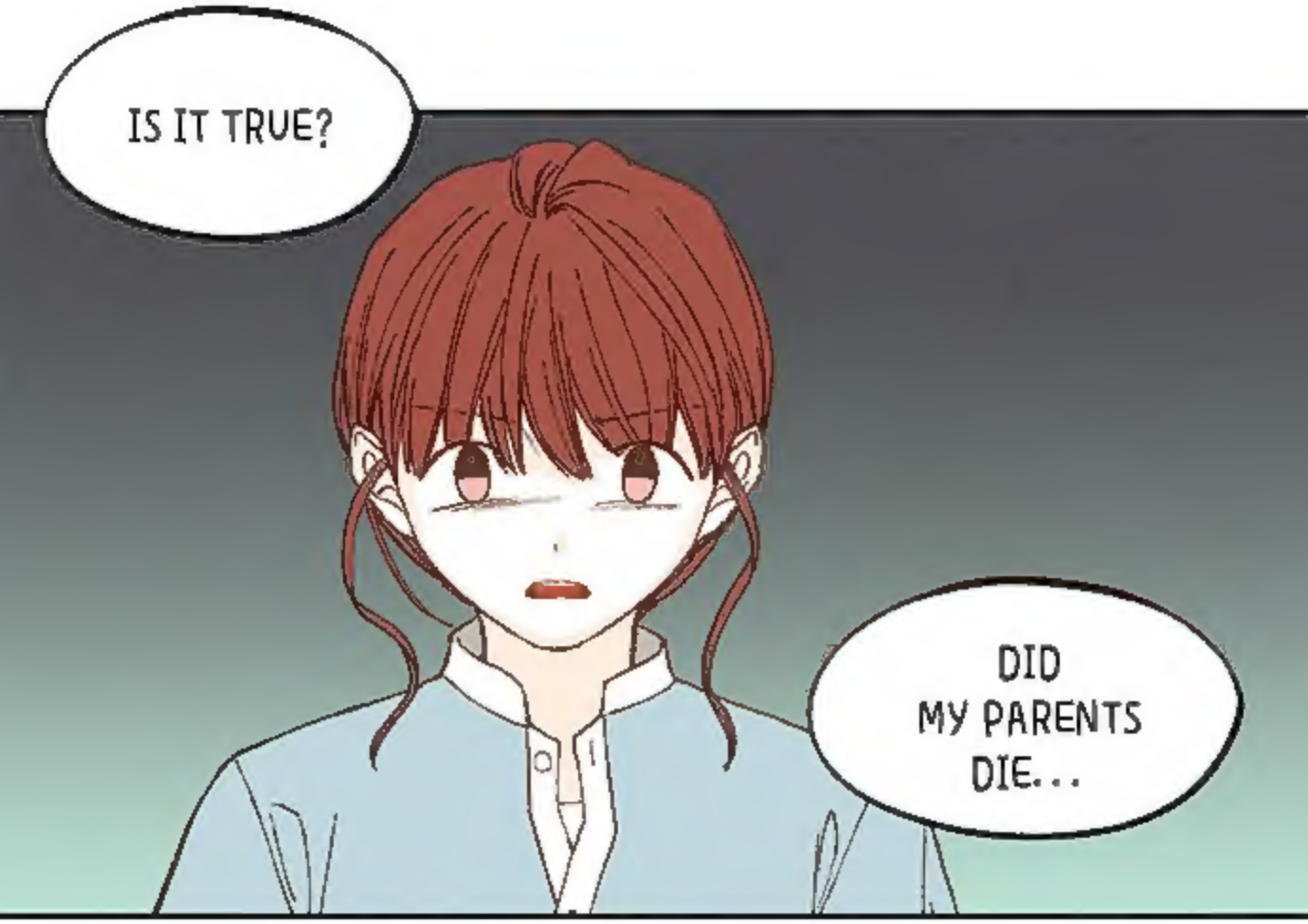
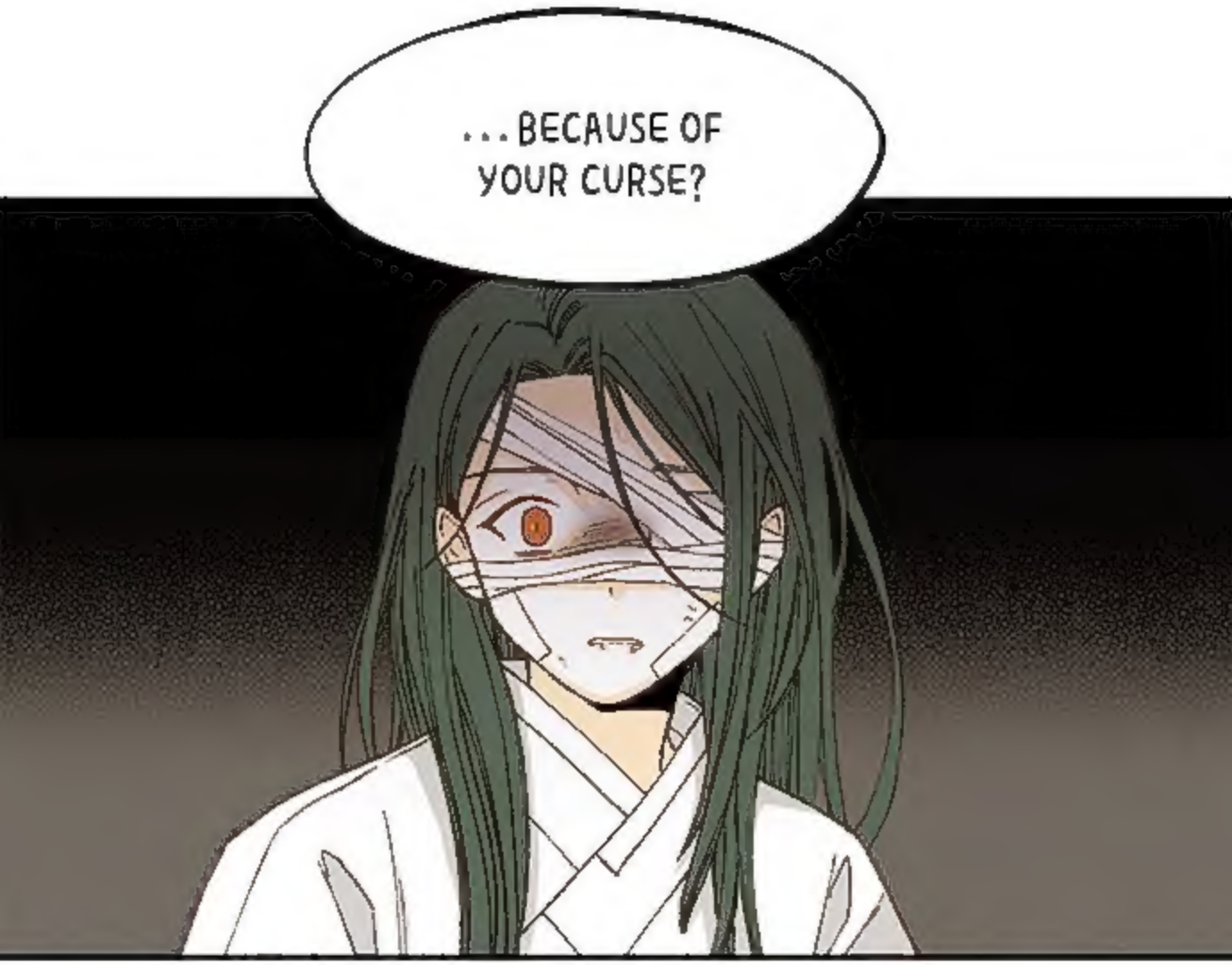

LOWER

YOU'RE IN PAIN...
...AND YOU'RE HURT.
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU LATER...


...BUT I'VE WAITED FOR TOO LONG.
I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO YOUR FACE.


IS IT TRUE?
DID MY PARENTS DIE...


...BECAUSE OF
YOUR CURSE?